

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendments and in light of the following comments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, and 10-12 are amended by the present response. Claims 13 and 14 are added by the present response, and support for Claims 13 and 14 is found at least at page 24, lines 2-18 of the specification and in Figure 5. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by the response.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 were rejected because they depend on rejected base claims.

Addressing now the rejection of Claims 1, 7, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, that rejection is overcome.

Claims 1, 7, and 10-12 are amended to clarify the claimed invention as including, “a first storage section which stores image data for an object to be image-processed” and “a second storage section in which a sequence of image processing and data for image processing are rewritably written.” As stated above, the first storage section stores the image data for an object to be image processed, and therefore addresses the comments in paragraph 2 of the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004. Support for the amendments can be found in the Applicants’ specification at least at page 23, line 14 to page 24, line 14. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 7, and 10-12 are now in condition for formal allowance.

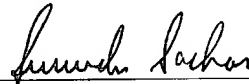
Likewise, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-6 and 8-9 that depend from Claims 1 and 7 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the parent claims. It is also respectfully submitted that new Claims 13 and 14 are in condition for formal allowance.

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As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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